

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-17 (canceled).

Claim 18. (currently amended) A nonwoven web comprising:

a randomly interlaid web of extruded multicomponent meltblown fibers, ~~said the~~ multicomponent fibers having an average fiber diameter less than about 7 micrometers and comprising a first olefin polymer component and a second amorphous olefin polymer component.

Claim 19. (original) The nonwoven web of claim 18 wherein the first polymeric component comprises a crystalline propylene polymer and wherein the second polymeric component comprises an amorphous propylene polymer.

Claim 20. (original) The nonwoven web of claim 18 wherein the first polymeric component comprises a propylene polymer having a crystallinity above 70 J/g and further wherein the second polymeric component comprises an amorphous polyalphaolefin having a crystallinity below about 65 J/g.

Claim 21. (original) The nonwoven web of claim 20 wherein the second polymeric component comprises a propylene homopolymer.

Claim 22. (currently amended) The nonwoven web of claim 18 wherein ~~said the~~ first component comprises polyethylene and wherein ~~said the~~ second component comprises an amorphous polyalphaolefin having a crystallinity below about 65 J/g.

Claim 23. (currently amended) The nonwoven web of claim 18 wherein ~~said the~~ nonwoven web has a hydrohead in excess of 50 mbar and a Frazier air permeability in excess of 100 cubic feet/ minute/square foot.

Claim 24 (new) The nonwoven web of claim 18 wherein the second component is a propylene copolymer.

Claim 25 (new) The nonwoven web of claim 24 wherein the second component is a propylene/ethylene copolymer.

Claim 26 (new) The nonwoven web of claim 24 wherein the second component is a propylene/butylene copolymer.

Claim 27 (new) The nonwoven web of claim 18 further comprising a second web of extruded meltblown fibers.

Claim 28 (new) The nonwoven web of claim 27 wherein the second web of extruded meltblown fibers is a web of extruded multicomponent meltblown fibers.

Claim 29 (new) The nonwoven web of claim 27 wherein the second web of extruded meltblown fibers is a web of extruded monocomponent meltblown fibers.

Claim 30 (new) The nonwoven web of claim 29 wherein the monocomponent meltblown fibers are polypropylene meltblown fibers.

Claim 31 (new) A nonwoven web comprising:

a randomly interlaid web of extruded multicomponent meltblown fibers, the multicomponent fibers having an average fiber diameter less than about 7 micrometers and comprising a first elastic polymer component and a second polymer component.

Claim 32 (new) The nonwoven web of claim 31 wherein the elastic polymer comprises an elastic polyolefin.

Claim 33 (new) The nonwoven web of claim 32 wherein the elastic polyolefin comprises an elastic polyethylene.

Claim 34 (new) The nonwoven web of claim 32 wherein the elastic polyolefin comprises an elastic polypropylene.

Claim 35 (new) The nonwoven web of claim 32 wherein the second polymer component comprises an elastic polyolefin.

Claim 36 (new) The nonwoven web of claim 31 wherein the second polymer component comprises a non-polyolefin thermoplastic elastomer.

Claim 37 (new) The nonwoven web of claim 31 wherein at least one of the polymer components comprises a blend of a polyolefin and a non-polyolefin thermoplastic elastomer.